GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:419
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NEW EDUCATION POLICY FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated a new education policy for the handicapped children;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of handicapped children in various States of the country listed by the Government, State-wise;

(d) the States in which new schools / Institutes for handicapped would be opened; and

(e) the total amount likely to be spent on the said scheme, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.419 FOR REPLY ON 24.8.2004 REGARDING THE NEW EDUCATION POLICY FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN ASKED BY PROF. MAHADEORAO SHIWANKAR AND SHRI SHAILENDRA KUMAR.

The National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986, as modified in 1992, envisages integration of the physically and mentally handicapped with the general community as equal partners, to prepare them for normal growth and to enable them to face life with courage and confidence. The Policy envisages the following measures in this regard:-

i) Wherever it is feasible, the education of children with motor handicaps and other mild handicaps will be common with that of others.

ii) Special schools with hostels will be provided, as far as possible at district headquarters, for the severely handicapped children.

iii) Adequate arrangements will be made to give vocational training to the disabled.

iv) Teachers` training programmes will be reoriented, in particular for teachers of primary classes, to deal with the special difficulties of the handicapped children; and

v) Voluntary effort for the education of the disabled, will be encouraged in every possible manner.

2. A centrally sponsored scheme of Integrated Education for Disabled Children (IEDC) was launched in 1974 by the then Department of Social Welfare and was later transferred to the then Department of Education in 1982-83. The scheme provides educational opportunities for disabled children in common schools to facilitate their integration and ultimate retention in the general school system. The scheme is being implemented through the Education Departments of the State Governments and UT Administrations as well as through Non- Governmental Organisations. Under the scheme of IEDC, 100% assistance is being provided under various components for education of children suffering from mild to moderate disabilities in common schools. There is no provision under the scheme to open schools / Institutes, as this scheme is for integrating children with disabilities only in the existing schools. The total allocation under the scheme in the 10th Five Year Plan is Rs.200 crore with a provision of Rs.39 crores for the year 2004-05. State wise allocations are not made under the scheme.

3. Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), to achieve Universalisation of Elementary Education, the education of children with disabilities has been included as a thrust area, for which upto Rs.1200/- is provided for each disabled child per annum.

4. The scheme of Polytechnics for Disabled Persons aims to upgrade 50 existing Polytechnics in different locations of the country to integrate various categories of disabled persons in the mainstream of Technical & Vocational education. Under the scheme, each selected polytechnic is required to admit 25 students with disabilities in their formal courses and train 100 students in the non-formal vocational trades every year. The 10th Five Year Plan allocation for the scheme is Rs.40 crores, with a provision of Rs.4 crore during 2004-05.

5. The 58th round survey conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation during July - December 2002, estimated 49.9 lakhs

disabled children in the age group of 0-18 years in the country. The State-wise details are not available. A statement indicating state-wise, the approximate number of disabled children covered under the scheme of the Integrated Education for Disabled Children in 2003-04 is given at Annexure-I. A statement indicating the state-wise number of children with disabilities identified for coverage under the scheme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in 2004-05 is given at Annexure-II.

ANNEXURE – I

NUMBER OF DISABLED CHILDREN (APPROXIMATE) COVERED (STATE-WISE) UNDER THE SCHEME OF IEDC – 2003-04.

S.No.	Name of the State	Number of disabled children
1.	Andhra Pradesh	3000
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	44
3.	Assam	3286
4.	Bihar	1500
5.	Chhattisgarh	300
6.	Goa	42
7	Gujarat	36923
8.	Haryana	12233
9.	Himachal Pradesh	3896
10.	Jharkhand	
11.	Karnataka	36402
12.	Kerala	32000
13.	Madhya Pradesh	51065
14.	Maharashtra	1352
15.	Manipur	2331
16.	Meghalaya	105
17.	Mizoram	2923
18.	Nagaland	1800
19.	Orissa	2501
20.	Punjab	
21.	Rajasthan	1445
22.	Sikkim	
23.	Tamil Nadu	2897
24.	Tripura	1302
25.	Uttar Pradesh	667
26.	West Bengal	2863
27.	Andaman & Nicobar	980
28.	Chandigarh	296
29.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	100
30.	Daman & Diu	51
31.	Delhi	871
32.	Pondicherry	51
Total		203226

ANNEXURE – II

STATEMENT SHOWING THE STATE WISE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES (CWD) IDENTIFIED FOR COVERAGE UNDER SSA IN 2004-05.

S.No.	Name of the State	No. of CWD
1.	Andhra Pradesh	134240
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1338

3.	Assam	17837
4.	Bihar	157962
5.	Chhattisgarh	42609
6.	Goa #	
7	Gujarat	53115
8.	Haryana	28445
9.	Himachal Pradesh	24327
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	37763
11.	Jharkhand	23071
12.	Karnataka	56461
13.	Kerala	89147
14.	Madhya Pradesh	96948
15.	Maharashtra	383416
16.	Manipur	1697
17.	Meghalaya	8625
18.	Mizoram	2842
19.	Nagaland	1741
20.	Orissa	120749
21.	Punjab	26782
22.	Rajasthan	31219
23.	Sikkim ##	1708
24.	Tamil Nadu	71204
25.	Tripura	3633
26.	Uttar Pradesh	244691
27.	Uttaranchal	19332
28.	West Bengal	105536
29.	Andaman & Nicobar ###	942
30.	Chandigarh	1500
31.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	350
32.	Daman & Diu	86
33.	Delhi ###	30186
34.	Lakshadweep ##	20
35.	Pondicherry	1452
Total		1819246

Plans awaited.
Number of CWD of Sikkim and Lakshadweep taken from Project Approval Board approvals from the year 2003-04.
Plans not yet approved.